

SECRET**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT****TO :** Chief, Basic School**DATE:** 1 May 1956**FROM :** Chief, Orientation & Briefing/BS/TR**SUBJECT:** Items of Interest for the Period
24 April 1956 to 1 May 1956

1. The 7th Departmental Briefing was held on Tuesday, 24 April 1956. Sixty-one attended. Attachment 1 is a listing giving the composition of the audience in detail. This was the first Departmental Briefing at which we had representation from USIA and the Office of Civilian Defense.

Chief/OB/BS thanked the DD/S for his helpfulness in making the introductory remarks.

As one of the many by-products of the Departmental Briefings, Chief/OB/BS received a call from a Mr. Simonson of the Department of State who expressed satisfaction on the definitions for Intelligence used in the Program and asked for a set of them for use on some research project he was doing.

2. Satisfactory progress is reported in preparing the list of lecturers for the Strategic Intelligence School. While the Chief/OB/BS was talking to one of these lecturers (Mr. J.J. Hitchcock) he made an appointment for a visit through the National Indications Center.
3. On Thursday, 26 April 1956 the CIA Introduction Course was held for 58 people who made up a very dull audience. Attachment 2.
4. Chief/OB/BS held many discussions with people in DDP and DDI regarding the manner of briefing [] this coming Thursday. This particular briefing is to be climaxed by a luncheon at which the DCI will serve as host.
5. Of particular significance is the decision of the Strategic Intelligence School to add time to the Economic presentation made by CIA and to eliminate another lecture on the "Soviet Gross National Product." The GNP situation between State Department and ORR has been abrasive. The decision of the SIS, on the basis of merit of what we are doing, underscores the value of our contribution to the SIS Courses. Chief/OB/BS brought this to the attention of Mr. Otto Guthe, AD/ORR, and Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick, IG.
6. On Saturday, 28 April 1956 Chief/OB/BS addressed the National Convention in Boston of "Women in Radio and Television." This speech, given at the personal direction of the DCI, was presented at the McCall's dinner in the Hotel Somerset. *(c/p/s retaining)*

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7. [] requested Chief/OB/BS to do a special VIP briefing for two key military personalities - Major General Thomas E. Sherburn and Major General Watson. This will be conducted next Friday, 4 May 1956.

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8. On 30 April 1956 Chief/OB/BS conducted a VIP briefing for four [] This was done through an interpreter. Attachment 3.

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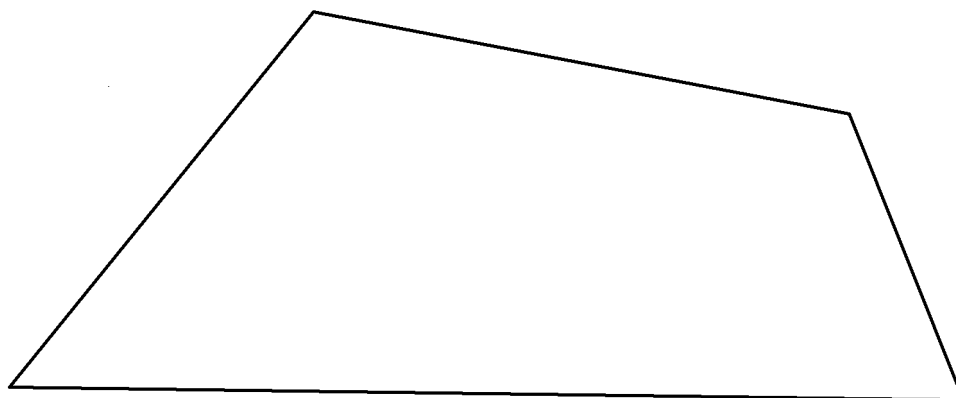
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10. A request was received from the SIS for some copies of the speech "Russian Economic Situation" presented recently by the DCI in Cincinnati. The SIS considered this a very important production on the subject. We attach a copy for such use as Training determines. Attachment 4.

11. Chief/OB/BS received a call from [] who is interested in surveying the kind of material given to new-comers entering CIA. We invited him to attend the next Introduction Program so that he could see the product intimately.

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